

# BANNER-LEADER.

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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1901

NO 24

## MOVED! MOVED! MOVED!

Brin's Ballingers New Dry Goods People are now located in the Lee Maddox old stand on 8th St. with a modern improved store together with additional help, a Bright Bran New Spring and Summer stock of.....

<p>Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Fancy Goods, Ladies, Mens, Boys, Misses and Childrens ready to wear garments, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Trunks, etc, gathered together from the leading markets of the World, embracing all this seasons Newest and Latest Ideas from the smallest to the largest article. We solicit a share of your liberal patronage.</p>	<p>Our motto shall be to gain your confidence and keep it by our New System of ONE PRICE to ALL, and that price the LOWEST, marked in Plain Figures on all our goods. A principle never to be lost sight of. If you like to buy of a house where you can feel sure you are getting just as low a price as any one else, no matter who, come to Brin's.</p>	<p>One customers money is as good to us as another's. A child can buy here as cheap as the shrewdest tradesman. We are now ready for you with a superb line of every thing kept in a First Class Dry Goods Store, every thing in wearing apparel for Man, Woman or Child, that we honestly believe will meet your ever requirement both as to styles and prices. Won't you investigate? Remember we have no baits here. One price to all marked in plain figures.</p>	<p>No big words, no high sounding claims, no misrepresentations—just value and satisfaction. What we say is true. What we do is legitimate. What we promise is fulfilled. We live through our customers and for them. If we convince you that our values are exactly as represented we at least win your respect. If we win your respect your confidence is bound to follow. Whether a prospective purchaser or not we bid you welcome to our New Store.</p>
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Yours for truth and Reliability,

# BRIN'S

Ballinger's One Price Dry Goods People Located in the Lee Maddox old stand on 8th Street.

Miss Nellie Grant and Mr. Jno. Hutchinson, who are well and favorably known to the people of Ballinger and surrounding country, will take great pleasure attending your wants,

Dr. Duncan visits here every 3 months. Read his postal contest and try for it.

Dr. Duncan, the eye specialist, at the City Hotel March 24 to 31

The Ballinger Lumber Co. is well stocked on shingles

—Roger's and Tut's silverware are the best. Sold by

JAS E BREWER.

No shortage now. We have received to cars of lumber this week and have as many more on the road

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

Epworth League Program.

March, 24 '01.

Topic—What I owe to Christ.

Reference Word—Debt—Mat.

6:12

Leader—Miss Sammie Padgett.

Song.

Scripture Reading and Prayer.

We owe our daily bread—Jno

6:32:35—Mrs Dickinson.

We owe our water—Jno. 4:9 15

—Miss Ethel Truly.

We owe our Life—Col. 3:1-17—

Mr. Wilton Sledge.

We owe our Light—Jno 1:1-9—

Miss Mary Miller.

We owe our Forgiveness—Eph

1:1-14—Miss Cora Swift.

How can I pay what I owe to

Christ—Leaguers.

Song.

Benediction.

A Newsy Letter from Winters.

Last Thursday, the 14th, at 6

o'clock p. m. the death angel vis-

ited the home of our esteemed

citizen, Mr. A J Roper, and took

therefrom a jewel to adorn the

courts above in the person of

Mrs. A J. Roper. The entire

community condotes with the

bereaved relatives in their great

loss. Weep not loved ones your

loss is her gain.

W. H. Hunter is building a

residence on the lot north of Mr.

Ed Stone's place.

S. P. Burnett is hauling lumber

to build in our midst.

Miss Lillian A. Sheeley has an

enthusiastic class in elocution.

Miss Sheeley is one of the best

elocutionists it has ever been our

pleasure to hear.

The Literary Association rendered

a program last Saturday

night that was very interesting.

Among other interesting things

was a solo by Mrs. T. W. Murray,

accompanied by instrumental

music executed by Miss Mattie

Currie.

A select reading by Prof. R. S.

Kelly and two recitations by Miss

Sheeley were highly enjoyed.

The program was interspersed

with sweet music by the Winters

band.

The Winters band and troupe

contemplate giving an entertain-

ment at Content in the near fu-

ture, so we understand. We are

conhdent the people of that com-

munity will appreciate the efforts

of these young men. It is no

humbag "magic lantern show" or anything of the kind, but is up to date in every respect.

Winters has one of the best Sunday Schools in the county. Mr. Spears is Superintendent.

T. W. Murray is our new P. M. Uncle Sam made a wise choice in selecting him to look after his interests in these parts.

A milliner for Winters is the latest addition. We bespeak a liberal patronage for Miss Morgan.

Miss Ella Bowden was called to Bangs last week to be at the bedside of her aunt who is very low. That her relative may soon recover and Miss Ella speedily return is the wish of her many friends at this place.

R G Burleson drove a herd of steers over to his ranch in Coke county recently.

A rain now would be very acceptable.

Mrs. Bishop, Sr., is very sick at present, we are sorry to note.

NEMO.

WANTED—All the old chronic cases of sore eyes in the county. I will cure 90 per cent of them.

Yours Truly,  
DR. T. H. P. DUNCAN.

The Banner-Leader urges its readers to carefully read the advertising in its columns. You will profit by the reading.

The news of the repealing of the stamp tax is being met with hearty approval.

DeWet hasn't surrendered yet, neither has Aguinaldo, and the wars continue merrily on.

One Boer who surrendered to the British was fined \$5,000 and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

Rev. Elijah Kellog, author of "Spartacus to the Gladiators," died Sunday at his home in Harpswell, Me., at the age of 88.

Mrs. Nation visited Kansas City and was arrested for obstructing the sidewalk with the crowd she had drawn to hear her speak. She was released on her promise to take the train at once for Topeka.

Unapproached and Unapproachable

FOR

## SPRING and SUMMER STYLES.

Our New Stock now in and arriving daily is the cream of the Eastern markets carefully selected and judiciously bought by careful and experienced buyers, who study to please the wants of our

# Friends and Customers.

Nothing has been left undone, no expense spared to spread before you a choice selection of

Fine, Fancy, Fresh, Fashionable Fabrics,  
Suitable for Spring and Summer Suits.

Our line of White Goods and Embroideries—is in a word

# COMPLETE

Nothing has been overlooked in this department.

Ladies and Childrens Lines are full and Choice.

Mens, Boys and Youths—Clothing, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Ties and Notions are represented in the Newest and Latest designs.

The Newest is not too New—The costliest is not too expensive for us to offer and for our customers to appreciate and buy.

It is useless to enumerate

It is unsatisfactory to describe

It is loss of time to wait.

The only sensible, sure and satisfactory way is to call—carefully examine and compare, and then—

WE WILL DO THE REST.

Respectfully,

## L. MARKOWITZ & BRO.



## Banner-Leader.

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY.

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HERVEY F. MAYES,  
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Entered at the Postoffice at Ballinger Texas as second class matter.

Subscribers failing to receive the Banner-Leader each week will please notify us at once.

The date opposite your name on the address label indicates the time up to which your subscription is paid; if not correct please notify us at once.

### Santa Fe Train Service.

#### Passenger Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 12:26 a. m.

South-bound due at Ballinger 6:30 p. m.

#### Local Trains:

West-bound due at Ballinger 3:15 p. m.

East-bound due at Ballinger 10:40 a. m.

Jeff Taylor, the train robber, was given a life sentence at Belton last week.

At Lake Charles, La., a man was killed last week because he had shot a worthless cur dog.

The cattle raisers association which met in San Antonio last week, meets in Fort Worth next year.

Congress has passed a law abolishing the stamp tax on checks, drafts, etc., and the law will go into effect July 1st.

April 19, there will be a state oratorical contest at Georgetown. Fred F. Stocking, of Clarendon, will represent the Fort Worth university.

Seven business houses, the whole of Lingieville, near Stephenville, were destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Robbers started the fire.

Carnegie has offered \$5,200,000 to New York City for the building and establishing of sixty-five libraries, with the usual stipulations of sites and maintenance. This breaks the record for library donations.

A traveling evangelist who posted a "Prepare to meet your God" sign on a Henry county farmer's gate recently, was greatly surprised upon returning a few days later to find that the farmer had put the religious injunction to his own use. The revised version of the placard read: "Prepare to meet your God if you leave the gate open."

It is not so much brilliancy of intellect and versatility of resource as persistency of effort and constancy of purpose that give success. When we see a young man that labor cannot weary, whom drudgery cannot disgust or dishearten, who meets reverses with an erect, unflinching bearing, we know that he will win. There is no keeping him down.—Success.

The story comes from New York of a young Norwegian girl, who after two days' sojourn at Castle Garden, secured a situation in a New York family. In attempting to acquaint the girl with the character of her new duties the head of the family was surprised at her ignorance. Finally in despair she asked: "What can you do?" Her face brightened and she replied: "I can milk reindeer."

### Got a Dime's Worth.

Emily Wakeman, who is playing in "Lover's Lane" at the Manhattan theatre, New York, has a very Irish laundress recently beamed under painful circumstances. This is the way Miss Wakeman heard about it:

"Me mon wuz that sick I sint fer th' doctor an' he come and dole out some powdther. 'A twilve be the clock,' sez he, 'give Moike as much av this here as ye can put on a tin cent piece, and no more.' Oi moinded and whin the doctor come th' nixt day he said Moike was dead. 'Did ye give him the powder?' sez he. 'Oi did,' sez I. 'Did you put it on a tin cents piece?' sez he. 'Oi did the best I could,' sez I, 'there wasn't a dime in the house so I put it on two nickels'"

### The Outcast: A Tale of the Northwest.

Mr. W. A. Fraser, author of Mooswa and Others, has just written for early publication in The Saturday Evening Post a short, stirring serial, entitled The Outcasts.

The Outcasts are an old buffalo and a wolf dog, and the greater part of the story is about the strange comradeship and striking adventures of these companions, and their pilgrimage, in company, to the distant plains of deep grass, of which the wolf-dog knew.

There are action, and strength of word and phrase in the story, and the touch of the soil and the music and charm and sombreness of the forest. The rush of the frenzied buffalo herd to death is told with splendid dramatic power. The plan of the book is a unique conception, and it is worked out on novel and entertaining lines.

### Says an Exchange.

Occasionally a critic rises up to tell us that we don't print everything we know; that we don't give our readers all the news. That's all right Mr. Critic. We have a wife and family to support and we don't care to try the realities of another state of existence while we can get grub and a place to stay in this. If we were to print all we know about every old measly cuss in this town a dozen wives would be looking for a divorce lawyer tomorrow, half the young men in town would go west, and some of the girls would enter a convent if they could get in. We would have a paper that would be read with absorbing interest—for one week—but the next week a sorrowing community would be reading a fool editor's obituary, if we were to print all we know.

It takes \$2,826 per annum to maintain each American soldier.

In Arizona 100 cowboys and indians held a big round-up of bears and wild animals which had been raiding the cattle. In the final count there were nineteen dead mountain lions, five grizzlies, two lynx and over a hundred coyotes.

Are you sick? If so, investigate the merits of Herbine. It is a concentrated medicine, the dose is small, yet it quickly produces the most gratifying results, digestion improves, the lips and cheeks lose their pallor, the eye becomes bright and step elastic. Price, 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 3.

—Don't take his word for it. Go and see that Jas. E. Brewer's selection watches can't be beat in Ballinger.

### A Cheering Word.

Scores of men, from the rocky shores of Maine on the Atlantic to the golden banks of the Pacific are to day held in the background for lack of capital to operate on, but the word, "hope," inspires them to renewed exertions when the dark clouds of adversity hover over them, obscuring every ray of sunshine. Wherever we turn our eyes on mankind we see and feel its influence. It spreads before the eye of the youth the future clothed in all the varied colors of the kaleidoscope. It promises him wealth, honor, happiness and fame, and tells him his most ardent desires will be more than realized. The mechanic, merchant, statesman, lawyer, preacher, editor and soldier are a few of the many who feel the stimulating influence of hope. They wait through the day hoping that tomorrow they will see some cherished wish gratified. Probably they have looked forward to this time for many years, and more than once been on the verge of despair. Hope enters the hut of the poor man and sits down with him and his children. It comforts him in his sorrows and afflictions, and promises him, when he shall retire from this low and sordid scene, that he will meet the divine assembly of departed spirits. As the silent dews of night fall on the flowers and revive their drooping leaves, so does hope in the hour of affliction pour balm on the wounded heart and give us strength for our trials. It takes from misery its bitterness and strips affliction of its sting. It often flickers and seems on the point of giving out, but a little spark is left, and needs only a few words of encouragement to fan it into a blaze. With hope gone the world would be too dreary for endurance and life a misery on earth.

A little girl made three button holes, about an inch apart, in the waistband of a new gown, and explained their use as follows: "The first is for use in the morning, the next after dinner, and the last after water melons." Would this not be a good idea for fraternals to prepare for, and anticipate even the extreme state of expansion.—Jewett Sun.

Joe Warren, formerly engaged in the humble role of a country newspaper editor at the town of Santa Anna, has risen to a bank cashier. Surely, there is reward for he who toils—in a print shop. Who knows but that some fine morning we may awake to find ourselves promoted to the exalted station of a bloated bond holder, school trustee, or a city alderman.—Coleman Democrat.

The census shows some queer things about Texas. For instance Baily county has but four residents, Cochran has twenty-five, Andrews thirty-seven and Dawson thirty-six. Twenty-five others have less than 300. Some counties have no running streams within their borders, some are hundreds of miles away from a railroad and others are almost wholly inhabited by prairie dogs, jack rabbits and rattlesnakes. Just one county, the largest in the state, has 45,000 square miles which is larger than the state of Ohio and has but 6804 inhabitants.

### A Woman Hung

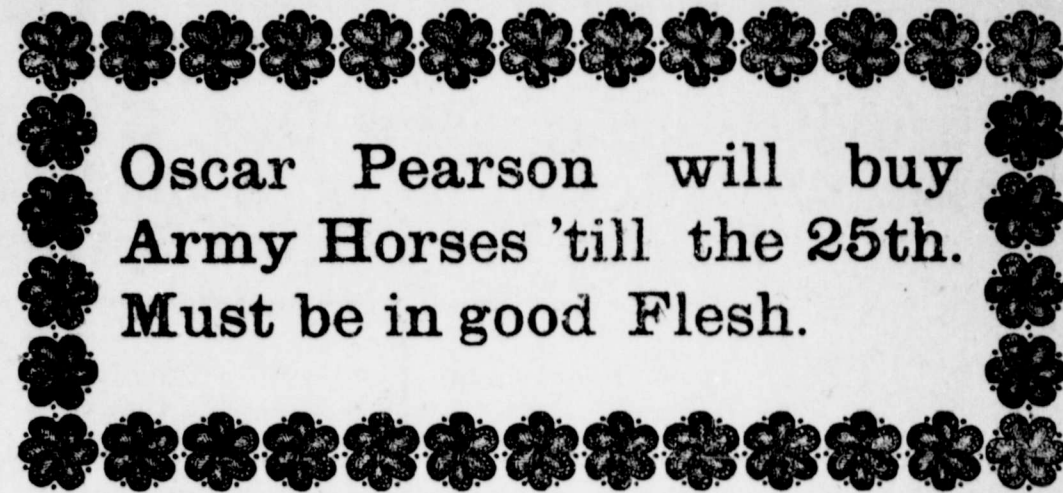
To her husband's neck and begged him to go and try the new barbers and take a peep at their new fixtures.

LEE & PIKE.

# CITY BEER.

The famous San Antonio City Beer x x x Pearl in Keg and Texas Pride in Bottles is sold here by P. J. Baron, J. J. Hubbard, H. Scott, A. Martinez, Bolf City, B. Arrington, Eden, Texas.

S. J. CARPENTER, Agt.  
BALLINGER, TEX.



BULLS. For Sale BULLS.

Twenty Shorthorn yearling bulls from 7-8 to full blood; good individuals and solid red color; now on feed at my house 10 miles south of Ballinger; prices reasonable.....

## R. A. SMITH.

For all pulmonary troubles Ballard's Horehound Syrup, taken in the early stages, proves a certain and sure specific. It is equally effective in croup and whooping cough, and if used in season prevents the further development of consumption. Price 25 and 50 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 3.

—Has your insurance policy expired? Let C. P. Shepherd & Co. renew it. Phone 125.

No one knows the unbearable torture one undergoes from piles unless they are so afflicted. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is a quick, safe and painless cure. Price, 50 cents in bottles, Tubes, 75 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 3.

### BAD COLDS.

Quinine is 10 years behind. Colds do not now have to be endured. Mendel's Dynamic Tabules (called dynamic from their energy) crowd a week's ordinary treatment into 12 hours and abort the worst of colds over night.

"It was the worst case of grip I ever had. A half dozen friends had sure cures. Still it hung on. Heard of the Dynamic tabules. To my amazement they stopped both cold and cough the first night. I endorse and recommend them to the people." Barclay Henlev, Ex member Congress and Attorney, 101 Sansome Street, San Francisco. July 7, 1900.

"Winter colds have always been serious things to me. They are hard and stay for months. But the last was stopped suddenly by mendel's Dynamic tabules. Both cough and cold disappeared in a couple of days. Nothing else does this for me." Mrs. Emma L. Hollin, 14 Moss St., San Francisco. Aug. 6, 1900.

"I live across the street from where mendel's Dynamic tabules are made. That is how I first took them. They stop colds without notice. I took a 60 cent box with me for myself and friends when I went to Nome." H. L. Van Winkle, Capitalist, 3017 Washington Street, San Francisco, Aug. 10, 1900.

For sale by E. D. WALKER, Druggist.

**WORMS!** WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUCE!  
Best in Quantity. — Best in Quality.  
For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.  
Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.  
For Sale by E. D. WALKER, Ballinger, Texas.

## There's Pleasure and Satisfaction

NEW LOCATION NEAR POSTOFFICE  
J F Lusk & Co  
BALLINGER.

In buying the best and our aim is to please, hence we sell nothing but the best in Groceries and Grain.

We invite you to visit us in our new quarters near the Postoffice. We are well stocked on

Staple and Fancy Groceries, Grain and Hay which we offer at very reasonable prices. Visit us.

Phone No. 40.

# J. F. LUSK & CO.



To meet the constantly growing demand for a Graphophone of the Grand type at a figure that will suit the proper purse, the Columbia Phonograph Company announces that the price of the Columbia Grand Graphophone is reduced from \$75 to \$50, of Grand records from \$1.50 to \$1.00 each, and of Grand blanks from \$1 to 75 cts. each.

It is confidently believed that this substantial price reduction will have the effect of placing Graphophones of the genuine Grand type in the hands of thousands of persons who have hitherto been restrained from purchasing by reason of the comparatively high prices heretofore prevailing. As a further and even greater means of stimulating the sales of Grand machines and records and of overcoming what undoubtedly has been the principal deterrent to their almost universal use, the price of Grand records has been reduced to \$1 each, instead of \$1.50 as heretofore.

Columbia Grand records have justly earned the reputation of being the finest product of the record-making art, and the manufacturers pledge themselves that the goods will continue to deserve this reputation. The reduction in price has been made possible by new manufacturing processes which result in improved records as well as more economical manufacture.

Grand blank cylinders, formerly \$1 each, are reduced to 75 cts. each.

It is estimated that the new prices will create a demand for these wonderful machines that will greatly tax the superb facilities of the manufacturers. Their plant at Bridgeport, Conn., is the largest and most modern and complete talking machine factory in the world and their facilities for the quick and economical production and distribution of their goods are unapproached.

The Columbia Phonograph Co. has brought about every substantial improvement in the talking machine art, the most recent achievement, and one as startling as the original invention itself, was the discovery of the principles governing the construction of Graphophones of the Grand type. These machines give forth reproductions of sound with the same volume and quality as the original rendition. They speak and sing with the volume of a giant's voice; yet with the intensified vibrant power there is no sacrifice of quality, but on the contrary, a richer, fuller and more faithful reproduction of the timbre of the original sound is obtained.

Five hundred dollars was the price of the machine when first offered for sale, and the original price of large records was five dollars each. Facilities for the manufacture of the goods on a large scale and the bringing out of new models have made possible great reductions in price. There is now no obstacle to the universal adoption of the Grand Graphophone as the most fascinating home entertainer of modern life.

#### Stranger than Fiction.

Judge Mays was seated in his office in San Angelo a few weeks ago when a man entered, whose hair "was silvered o'er by time" and whose bent form told the story of a strenuous life long continued. The visitor (known in this true story as Jones, for 'tis seldom that a brave man is not a modest one,) proved to be an old ex confederate and he had called to get Judge Mays to file an application for a pension. He said he had fought against doing it for many years, but his increasing years and infirmities had made the application, however disagreeable, nothing short of a necessity. The papers were made out in due form and filed away, awaiting the signature of one of the witnesses at that time absent.

A few weeks later Mr. Jones called on the Judge again, and asked him if he could withdraw the application. The Judge assured him that as the papers had not been signed up and sent to headquarters, all that was necessary was to put them in the stove. This is what Mr. Jones wanted done, and after doing so the Judge asked him what had happened to cause him to change his mind. Sitting there he told a story that is a pleasure to put into type, for it illustrates the best attribute of the human heart—gratitude.

During the late unpleasantness Mr. Jones was stationed for a time at Galveston and while there a young Spaniard from Cuba, in a spirit of adventure, ran the blockade, arrived in the Island City, and joined Mr. Jones' company. A few months afterwards the Spaniard was stricken with yellow fever, which was then rife in Galveston, and Jones, his friend and comrade, nursed and took care of him until his death. On his deathbed he asked his faithful friend if he would not take his body to Cuba where his people lived, for he knew they would grieve terribly if he should be buried in a foreign land. Jones promised to fulfill this last request. Obtaining a furlough he ran the blockade and delivered the body of the young Spaniard to his father at Havana.

The old gentleman was much touched at the devotion of Jones to his son, and after thanking him feelingly, told him that although a large owner of estates the war had impoverished him to such an extent that at that moment he was unable to show his gratitude in the substantial manner that he wished. He pressed \$100 in gold upon Jones, and upon obtaining his name and address, told him that he would not be forgotten.

The years passed and no further word came from Cuba until a short time ago, when Governor Sayers who had been searching the entire state for Jones, having known him personally during the war, discovered that Jones' post-office address was Miles Station. The governor promptly notified him that there was \$11,000 lying to his credit in the bank at Austin. It had been sent to the Governor by the Cuban to be given to the friend of his son. What a drastic pity that such a story as this is so uncommon.—Standard.

Editor Tom Durham, of the Coke County Rustler, visited Ballinger last Saturday in the interest of his paper. It was the pleasure of the Banner Leader to receive a call. He reports a very satisfactory business. The paper, under his management, has improved considerably.

Old papers—20cts per 100.

## Here's Our Clubbing List....

MAKE YOUR SELECTION  
BETTER PAPERS CANNOT BE FOUND.

### THE BANNER-LEADER

—AND—

DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS.....	\$1.80
GALVESTON " " ".....	1.80
HOUSTON SEMI-WEEKLY POST.....	1.80
TWICE-A-WEEK REPUBLIC.....	1.80
ATLANTA CONSTITUTION.....	1.80
FARM AND RANCH.....	1.80
BRYAN'S COMMONER.....	1.80
ANY ONE DOLLAR PAPER.....	1.80

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Your Orders Solicited.

TERMS—Cash With Order.

THE BANNER-LEADER Makes an honest endeavor to give all the County News—It has no favorites—Is the friend of the people.....

Price \$1.00 per year in advance.

## A Good Thing, Push It Along.

We have a good stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries—as good as can be found in Ballinger. Our prices are low enough. Our salesmen are polite and accommodating. Our delivery of goods prompt. We are enjoying a splendid trade but can handle more. Can't we serve you during 1901. \* \* \* \*

Yours, for groceries

MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY.

## The Tornado Season Is Approaching

Do you carry Tornado Insurance on your Dwelling? Do you know it is very cheap? \$2.50 per \$1000 is the price per annum. Tornadoes visit other towns and Ballinger may not always be so fortunate as to escape.

Prepare for emergencies is a good rule of action, and is very applicable in this case. Call on or Phone

### C. P. SHEPHERD & CO.

UPSTAIRS IN OSTERTAG BUILDING.

Phone 125.

Abilene is rejoicing over the recent appropriation of \$100,000 for a federal building. Though delayed it finally came.

The railroads sold 109,000 tickets to Washington on the occasion of the president's inauguration. Each visitor was supposed to spend \$20 in the city. Figure for yourself the benefit to the Capitol City.

At Tiptonville, Tenn., a negro was tried on a grave charge but a jury acquitted him. The people did not sanction the verdict, so they captured the negro and hanged him to the first tree they could find.

The Sweetwater Reporter says that some of the stockmen of Nolan county have effected a cure of blackleg in calves by giving each animal affected a half tea cup of whisky, and the Colorado City Stockman remarks that it would seem to a man up a tree that there is danger to be considered in the application of this remedy. It might not reach the animal it was intended for.

Office  
You lose more than we  
do if you don't advertise  
in the Banner-Leader

#### Wall Paper

J. Y. PEARCE

Advertise in the Banner Leader, it pays.

—Your watch promptly put in first class order JAS. E. BREWER.

—Fire or life insurance—phone No. 125.

—The best alarm clocks—guaranteed. JAS. E. BREWER

Sore eyes, inflamed eyes, red eyes, blacked eyes, cross eyes, weak eyes are all treated and cured by Dr. Duncan. Will be in Ballinger one week, March 24 to 31.

Just the Same.

We keep the same prices as the old barbers. Come across boys and try us. LEE & PIKE.

—Jas. E. Brewer pays cash for goods, consequently can sell them cheaper.

#### Eczema Can Be Cured.

Renick's Eczema Cure and Renick's Pepsin Blood Tonic will cure the most obstinate case. At E. D. Walker's.



Fresh Garden Seed and Seed Sweet and Irish Potatoes at Miller Mercantile Co.

**Wingate's Latest.**

It behooves me, as a citizen of this town and as a writer of this paper, to offer a warning voice, with Bro. Moore, in behalf of Wingate. Where are the churches, or, taking the preacher's own words, "What are we doing at home?" Where are you, fathers and mothers, on prayer meeting night? I am a sinner and notice these things, perhaps more than you; however, that does not justify you in your conduct. Do your duty, and then we worldly people will not be so prompt in offering you counsel. Your churches at this place remind one of Aristides and Themistocles, and both ought to be ostracised.

We are very sorry to hear of Miss Ethel Moore's intention to leave our circle and fear that someone will be at a great loss when she is gone.

Last Saturday night a crowd of young people, consisting of Messrs. Earl Moore and Shelley Roaten, Misses Ethel Moore, Kate Roaten and Agnes Townsend spent quite an enjoyable evening visiting Mr. Robert and Miss Minnie Gannaway. But "hully gee" such a ride as they had. They rode on an old freight wagon and you know the rest, especially where they had such good drivers. Miss Minnie, they sure did enjoy their stay at your home, but the following Monday the two boys and one girl were reported sick.

It hasn't rained a drop here yet, except sand, and it rains that every day.

Oh yes! I had almost forgotten to tell you about such a change coming over the boys, poor fellows. Every last one of them have been courting for the last week, except two I believe, and they are scared half to death.

Say Mr. Editor, that reward must not be renewed, for the lost has been found to the glory of the party advertising.

Messrs. Earl and Will Moore have returned from Hamilton, to which place they were summoned to court.

If you want the measles, call at the home of Dr. McNutt.

After so long a time our church is completed and I wish someone would take pity on the ungodly creatures and make them a present of some seats.

There has been quite an improvement in the way of sickness. However there are some sick yet, Dr. McNutt being one of the few.

Quite a crowd attended services Sunday.

Mr. Brit Lynn is playing Professor these days.

Mr. Byran Jones has been keeping company with the boys all week.

Farming is below par and will continue so until the Lord sees proper to alter the matter by a big rain.

Mrs. E. A. Roaten left Wingate for Ballinger's hat market Wednesday.

Messrs. Ab Gannaway and Ed Dean pay innumerable visits to New Hope here lately.

Next time you people go calling on a greasy dray wagon I wish you would come by and let me go too.

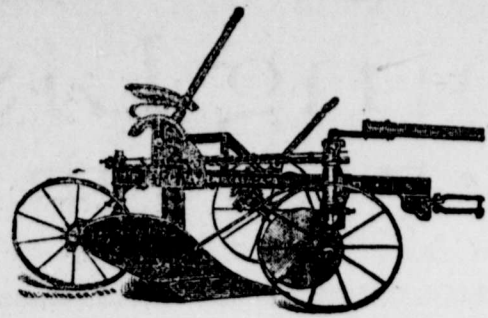
If you want a sack full of chickens call on Mr. Earnest Cathey, or a bin to put them in call on Miss Moore.

YOUR AUNT.

—Queensware at Hixson Bros. Racket Store

Fishing Tackle at Hixson Bros. Racket Store.

# A Full Line Of The Celebrated Joseph W. Moon Buggies



Surreys, Phaetons and Hacks now on hand. Will be pleased to show you this line and quote prices. Better Goods were never brought to this market.

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## VAN PELT & KIRK.

**Content News.**

Mr. R. C. Malone, of Abilene, was in Content Friday and Saturday, the guest of Messrs. Joe Hood and Chas. Woodrow.

Rev. Crow, a missionary minister, preached here Sunday night, the 17.

Prof. Arnold is teaching a writing school here. Owing to the public school through the day he teaches his class at night.

Mr. and Mr. Elic Edwards have a sick baby, it having moistening eczema.

Our genial Dr. is very busy now. This would be a good place for another good doctor to locate, and Dr. Smith is anxious for one to come.

Mr. A. A. Hanscomb was in Ballinger last Friday attending court.

Mr. P. Warnica went to Abilene Monday, returning Tuesday with a large load of goods.

Prot. Webb and Mr. M. S. Edwards were in Ballinger last Saturday. Mr. Edwards remained till the last of this week, serving on the Grand Jury.

Mr. Chas Woodrow spent a few days in Dallas the first of the week.

Mr. Mose Brady was in Ballinger Friday. He was accompanied by his son, Willie.

Mrs. M. C. Bright was in Ballinger Friday.

There have been three organ agents in town the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathes were in Coleman a few days last week.

Mr. Elic Edwards is in Ballinger attending court.

Mr. Miller was a visitor in Dallas this week.

Miss Cordie Bright is proving to be a splendid assistant teacher for our school. She is giving perfect satisfaction.

Mr. Miller Baldwin is reported quite sick. We hope he will soon be up again.

"Bookworm" says, "push the Normal for Ballinger." Says he will be one to attend from this place. There are several young teachers here who contemplate attending.

**ASSOCIATE.**

Dr. Duncan visits Ballinger every 3 months. A letter addressed to the post office will reach him within 3 days. The Doctor has over 7000 patients on his book—99 per cent are pleased. Not one but what will tell you that they received honest treatment. No exorbitant prices, no paying for what you do not get, no charges for little favors. Every customer is his reference. It costs no more to get the services of an expert than it does the guess work of the unscrupulous "know nothings" who claim to know everything. Dr. Duncan is now at the City Hotel. Will remain until March 31.

—See Asa Cordill's line of ladies set rings. They are beauties.

—Jas. E. Brewer's prices on watches are as low as the lowest. See him.

**Sand Town.**

**BANNER LEADER:**

News is scarce in this part of the world, but I am going to jot down a few items to keep the scribes from thinking I am lazy.

In the first place I will state that since my last writing Col. L. A. Grippe has made a personal visit to every family in the community, and made such an impression on the inmates thereof that they were compelled to take to their beds and send for a physician to see if there was any chance to shake off the spell the colonel had on them. The grip by itself has not been very fatal but it was only when complications arose that fatality prevailed. Our people at first loathed the disease because they had been informed that no one had it but poor folks and negroes, but as soon as they heard that McKinley and Mark Hanna had it they rather rejoiced at having it.

Health of the community is very good at present.

Farmers are very busy tilling mother earth, preparing for another crop. Most of them have planted corn.

Miss Maggie Wardlow returned home last week from a visit to friends in Coke county.

Mr. Gus Deloach has returned home from a six-months stay in Williamson county and of course Miss — is delighted.

Messrs. Corum and Mansker are courting this week—not Bob you understand.

Mr. Powell and wife and three sons left last week for Tom Green county to improve a fine section of land he recently purchased. Mr. Powell and wife will return shortly but the boys will remain there.

Mr. Frank Baird left for Glen Cove the first of the week. He will be absent a couple of weeks.

Miss Belle Abernathy visited Miss Florence Harrison Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Willie Odill of Abilene is visiting her sister Mrs. Walter Midgley.

Mrs. Harrison spent several days this week visiting her brother, Mr. Harry Midgley on the Concho.

Mr. Robt. Corum paid Valley Creek a visit Sunday. Wonder what the attraction is.

Mr. Jim Cabe of Bluff Creek paid a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Corum last Wednesday night.

As I see the waste basket gaping at me I will ring off.

PADDY.

—Beautiful line of gents' watch chains and fobs at Asa Cordill's.

—Finest line of watches in Ballinger at Asa Cordill's.

Elgin and Waltham watches are what I sell. They can't be beat. ASA CORDILL.

## A Paying Investment.

Everybody knows that it pays big to kill the prairie dogs and the question is, "what kills them best?" There is no doubt but that

### BASS PRAIRIE DOG POISON

is the most successful. They eat it and it kills them. If interested call on J. Y. Pearce, at Ballinger, and talk the matter over with him. It is easier to kill with Bass Poison than with any other.

## To The Trade:



Having purchased the business of Mr. Geo. F. Schroeter, formerly McGregor & Francis, I am prepared to fill the wants of the trade in my line. All heavy goods will be handled in car lots, thus saving the jobbers profit, the benefit of which will be given to our customers. I propose to do a strictly honest, legitimate business, and to treat everybody alike. Get my prices on CORN, CORN CHOPS, OATS, HAY, BRAN AND SALT. Will sell in car lots or any quantity desired. Also handle CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES, which have a world wide reputation and cannot be excelled and AMERICAN BEAUTY FLOUR, which took St. Louis Fair premium in 1900. A trial of this Coffee and Flour always makes a customer. I want a share of your trade and we proposed to meet all competition. Give me a trial.



## JOHN HOFFER, BALLINGER, TEXAS.

### MILLINERY OPENING!

Monday and Tuesday, April 1st, and 2nd

Will be our opening days. The ladies are invited to call and inspect our line of goods, among which is a nice line of Pattern Hats.

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In search of Confectioneries, Oranges, Apples, Tobacco, Cigars, or anything usually found in a first class confectionery store,

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And try us in price and quality of Goods. We are soon to enlarge our store and will then put in a larger stock; will put up another Soda Fountain; serve ice cream and make it the most attractive store in Ballinger. Your trade solicited.

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Solicit your trade when you want the best meat—

**Pork, Veal, Roasts,  
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They are killing Wilson's Fed Steers, the fattest money can get.

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**Other Lands For Sale.**

Survey 88 about 3 miles north of Winters, is offered for sale as a whole, but will make three deeds if desired. Price \$6.00 per acre—\$1.00 per acre cash and balance in 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years at 7 per cent interest per annum.

Half section 90 adjoining said survey 88 on the west, is offered at \$5.00 per acre on same terms as survey 88.

Survey 87 adjoining said survey 88 on the east, being in Harper's pasture, is for sale at \$3.50 per acre—one fifth cash, balance in 1, 2, 3, and 4 years at 6 per cent interest per annum.

Said lands can be bought only through me hence apply direct to  
**CHAS. S. MILLER,**  
Ballinger, Texas

**HOW VERY EASY**

It is to spend small sums of money when you have a large amount about you. How much safer and better it would be to keep your spare money in the bank. This bank is at your service. Will allow interest on time deposits.

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**"WANTED! first  
quality of pearls, all  
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**Jos. Linz & Bro.,  
Wholesale Jewelers,  
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**LUMBER—We are receiving  
several cars daily and are now in  
a position to fill your bills promptly.  
BALLINGER LUMBER CO.**

**Christian Endeavor Program.**

The C. E. program for next Sunday afternoon at the C. P. church is as follows:

- Topic—What I owe to Christ.
- Leader—Miss Ada Stocks.
- Song.
- Prayer.
- Reading of Scripture Lesson
- Song.
- Comments by the leader.
- What Christ has done for me—Miss Adrienne Truly.
- What we can do for Christ—O. M. Fitzhugh.
- Prayer.
- Song.
- Voluntary remarks on topic.
- Song and benediction.

**ATTENTION CATTLEMEN.**

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Dr. Duncan guarantees every pair of glasses for 5 years. At the City Hotel March 24 to 31.

—Asa Cordill will give you satisfaction in watch repairing.

Dr. T. H. P. Duncan, the eye specialist will be in Ballinger March 24 to 31 at the City Hotel

—Get my prices on watches.

**ASA CORDILL**

—Give your watch to Asa Cordill for repairs and be pleased.

*Oh say, Hubby, please send me up a sack of LIVE OAK FLOUR too from the Miller Mercantile Co. That is the Best.*

Children often inherit feeble digestive power and colic of a more or less severe character results, when food is taken which is at all difficult to digest. White's Cream Vermifuge acts as a general and permanent tonic. Price, 25 cents. At E. D. Walker's Drug Store.

—Lots of Coal—5 cars now on hand and for sale. Potu Lump Coal at \$7.50 per ton. McAlister Lump Coal at \$9.50 per ton. Call on or phone W. E. Eskridge at the cotton yard.

Dr. Duncan treats all diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat March 24 to 31 at the City Hotel

—Watches! Watches!! Watches!! At Jas. E. Brewer's. See for yourself.

—Drop in and see those new and up-to-date fobs at Jas. E. Brewer's.

Dr. Duncan, eye specialist, will be here March 24 to 31.

—Which do you wear—a beautiful lady's watch or a ladies' beautiful watch. I have both.

**JAS. E. BREWER.**

**To Arrive, Car of Salt.**

A mistake was made by the printer in last weeks prices. We herewith correct same and they stand as follows:

100lb sacks fine at 65 cts, 200lb sacks fine at \$1.12½ cts, 200lb sacks stock at \$1.05, Barrel fine at \$1.90.

Staple and fancy groceries, corn, oats, chops, bran and hay at lowest market prices.

If you want close cash figures get my prices before buying.

**JOHN HOFFER.**

Successor to Geo. F. Schroeter, Ballinger, Tex.

**WINKLER'S  
Special Spring Announcement.**

I have just returned from the Eastern markets, where I have bought one of the best selected stocks of Dry Goods that has ever BEEN SHOWN IN THE CITY OF BALLINGER.

I cordially invite you, one and all, to inspect my New Spring Goods which are now arriving daily. Among the New Arrivals which deserve special mention is the fine line of Silks I am showing. All the Latest Novelties in the Silk line.

**A fine line of Colored Wash Goods. White India Linens, White Nainsooks, White and Figured Dimities etc, etc.**

Here are a few specials worthy of your consideration:

**SILK SPECIALS**

The finest line of Silks ever shown outside of the largest cities. All the high class novelties are shown here at prices that will interest you.

24 inch Black Beau De Soul, a fine soft Silk, the proper kind for skirts, a regular \$1.25 quality—special price..... **\$1.00 per yd**

Finest quality corded wash Silk Regular 65 ct value—at only **50 c a yd**

Mercerized Foulards looks as well as the finest Foulard Silk, in good washable colors and retains its gloss—at only..... **35 c a yd**

**BARGAINS IN LACES**

100 dozen Laces and Insertings to match, values range 7 c to 12½ your choice of the lot at... **5 cts a yd**

5 pieces fine quality white Pique regular 20 ct value—special price only..... **12½ c a yd**

Very sheer quality corded Dimity—regular 20 ct values at only **15 cts**

**SPECIAL TOWEL OFFER.**

6 dozen finest quality Bleached Damask Towels, sold regularly at 75c and \$1.00 each, Special sale price **50 and 60c each.**

**SAMPLE HANDKERCHIEFS.**

Finest Quality Pure Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, regular 65c and 50c qualities, special offer, your choice for **35c each.**

Several dozen very fine Swiss Handkerchiefs Embroidered and Lace Edges, regular 40c quality, Special price **25c each.**

Another lot of Handkerchiefs Embroidered Edges, regular 15c quality, it is a sample line, Special **10c each.**

Fine Line Handkerchiefs of good quality White Lawn, wide and narrow Hemstitched Border, regular 8½ and 10c grades, Special offer only **5c each.**

Come and see my new Line of Spring Goods, the best stock by far ever shown here, and at Bargain Prices.

Yours for Bargains,

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I treat all diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and if your case can be cured I will tell you, if it can be benefited I will tell you. It cost you nothing to find out. I want all the old chronic cases in the country, those which others have failed to cure. My references are my customers, over 7000 patients along the Santa Fe will tell you how I treated them and the results received. Every pair of glasses I fit is guaranteed for five years. Read testimonials on circulars. Call and be convinced. 70 per cent of head aches are cured by properly fitted glasses. Bring the worst case of inflamed eyes to me and I will take every indication of inflammation and congestion out in 60 seconds. I guarantee to cure granulation and without burning or pain. Cross eyes straightened, cataracts extracted and absorbed. Pteregenus removed without pain. Call at once, one week every three months. City Hotel Parlors, March 24, to 31, or leave word at Walker's Drug Store.

**Postponed.**

The Epworth League Conference, to be held at Coleman, is postponed until May 4th, 5th and 6th.

**THE  
Central Grocery Store**

Is the Cheapest place in town to get High Grade Groceries, Confectioneries, Stationery, and Violin Trimmings, just opened up. Call and see us before you buy.....

**KIRKPATRICK &  
SLAUGHTER,**  
Ballinger Texas.

An attractive program drew a large audience to the court house Friday night to hear the teachers. A number of those on the program failed to appear but there was an abundance of good features left, including an address by C. P. Shepherd, a paper by Miss Montgomery, a violin quartette, a paper by Prof. J. A. Starnes, and most excellent recitations by Misses Ernie Underwood and Minnie Guion Francis. More teachers were present Saturday and the exercises were of a more practical nature.

Asthma cases solicited by Dr. Duncan. Those which others have failed to cure. March 24 to 31.

J. N. Darnell arrived from Coleman Thursday night. He expects to take charge of the Dunlap hotel as soon as it is vacated by its present occupants.

Some recent cattle sales in the Paint Rock country are: 9 cows and calves sold by D. E. Sims to F. A. Mater at \$22.50; 6 dry cows sold by F. A. Mater to C. Schlake at \$16.50. The same party sold to H. Hanks 6 cows and calves at p. t.

C. K. Gwinn, having fully complied with the law with reference to vaccination, fumigation, etc, is now out of quarantine and attending to business. His son, who had the small pox, is about well and none of the family have taken it.

Jack Green, of Coke county, is in Ballinger, a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. A. Massey. He is suffering from a severe carbuncle on his neck but is getting better, the Banner-Leader is glad to report.

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I'm overloaded on Strychnine—bought an enormous stock—more Strychnine than was ever before brought to Ballinger.

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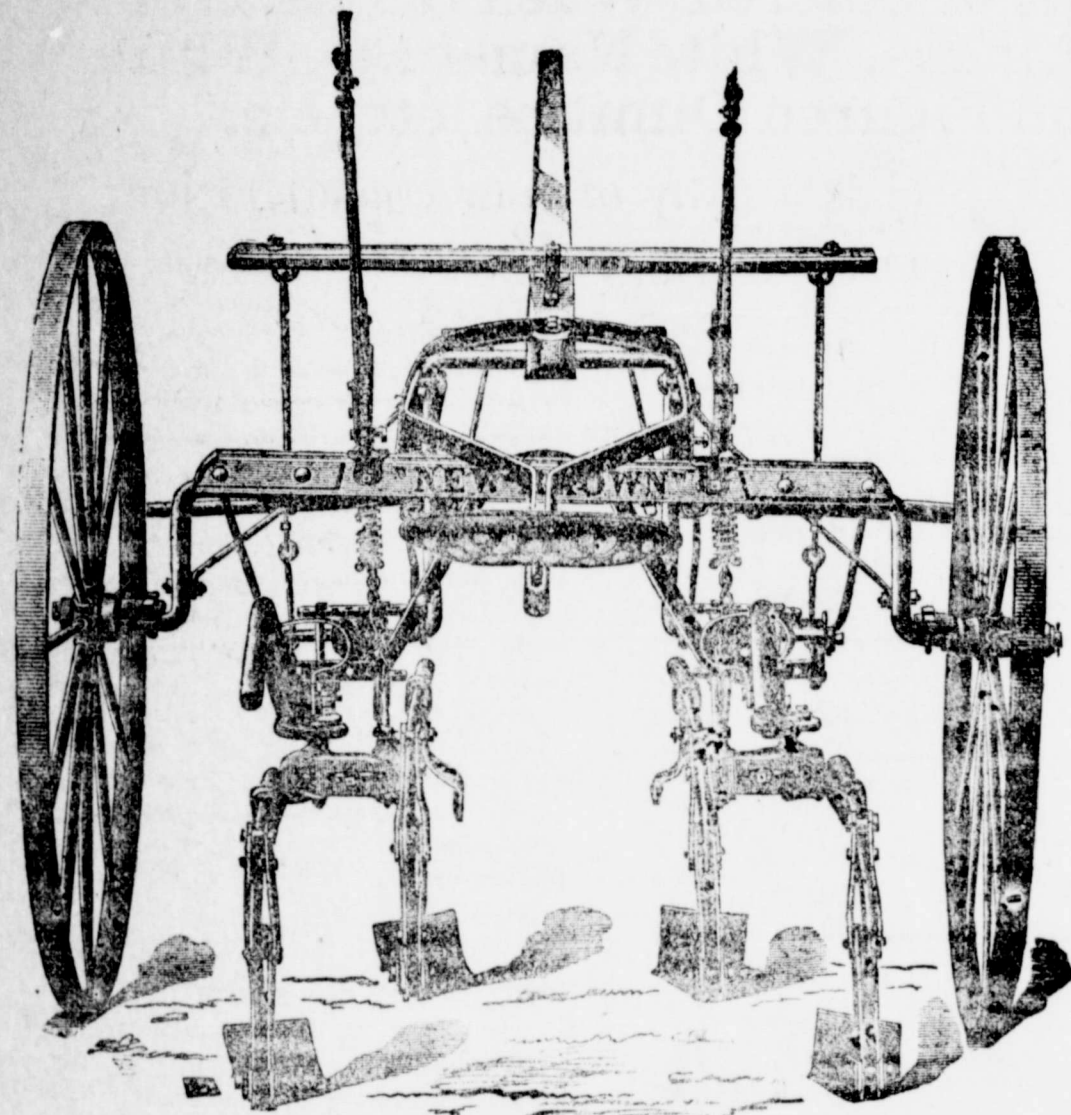
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A man's success in life is usually in proportion to his confidence in himself and the energy and persistence with which he pursues his aim. In this competing age there is little hope for the man who does not thoroughly believe in himself. The man who can be easily discouraged or turned aside from his purpose, the man who has no iron in his blood, will never win.

Half the giant's strength is in the conviction that he is a giant. The strength of a muscle is enhanced a hundredfold by the will power. The same muscle when removed from the giant's arm, when divorced from the force of the mighty will, can sustain but a fraction of the weight it did before it was disconnected.

What miracles confidence has wrought! What impossible deeds it has helped to perform! It took Napoleon over the Alps in midwinter; it took Farragut and Dewey past the cannons, torpedoes and mines of the enemy; it led Nelson and Grant to victory; it has been the great tonic in the world of discovery, invention and art.

The man without self confidence and an iron will is the plaything of chance, the puppet of his environment, the slave of circumstances. With these he is king, ever master of the situation.—Success.

—Go-carts at Ostertag's.

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#### Could Give One Order.

He was a station hand in from a three months spell of work, during which he had tasted no other meat than mutton. Also he stuttered badly. His eyes fairly leaped at the stuffed turkey on the hotel dinner table, though the boiled mutton made him shiver. Said the host: "What will you try, Mr. Straps?" Eagerly: "I'll t-try a b-bit of t-t-t—" The word floored him. Again: "G-give m-me a l-little t-t-t—" Then red faced and disgusted: "Oh, h-hang it! Give me some b-blooming m-mutton. I h-hate it, but I can s-s-s-say it, anyhow."

—Don't buy until you see Jas. E. Brewer's new stock of latest designs in watches. First National Bank Building.

### Stips of the Tongue.

An embarrassed minister gave out the first line of a hymn: "This world is all a floating shoe," and that not sounding right, hurried to correct himself by stating that "This world is all a shouting flee." Then driven to desperation by the congregation's smiles, he cried at the top of his voice, "This world is all a sheeting flow." Finally, he sat down exhausted, while the deacon read: "This world is all a fleeting show," which is the correct version—of the hymn, at any rate. A clergyman alluded to a "church supper," of which he wanted to say "Due notice would be given." The Vord Imp substituted for this phrase the words "new doughnuts," and the unfortunate speaker profited by a "donation party" which was given on the strength of the supposed hint. This was getting off easier than the English curate who was put to all sorts of inconvenience by announcing: "Here beginneth the fifth chapter of the Duke of Boteronomy." Dean Burgon, talking of the nature of man as distinct from the lower orders of creation, said: "Man is a progressive being; the others are stationary. Think, for example, of the ass! Always and everywhere it is the same creature, and you never saw and never will see a more perfect ass than you see at the present moment!"—Philadelphia Press.

#### Some Postscripts.

Of the 686 cotton mills in the South, Texas has 17, Kentucky 7 and Arkansas 4.

Louise Gibbons, a young woman of 22 years, at Springfield Ohio, was made deaf by sneezing. Switzerland has 125 schools for

girls. Domestic science and gardening are among the branches taught.

In the year ending March, 1900, the number of boys and girls educated free in Berlin was 207,510.

A mosquito gets its growth in a short time. It is fully developed and equipped for business in three weeks.

According to recently published statistics Berlin possesses now more than 50,300 telephones.

Among the 2754 students at the university of Edinburg last year there were 252 women and 168 students were from India.

In spite of the growth of the oil industry in California, 170,000 tons of coal was landed at Port Los Angeles and sent inland last year.

Out in California they have a pioneer society composed of women who crossed the plains with ox teams prior to 1854. There are thirty names on the charter roll.

There are 466 tennis courts in the various parks of London, and more than 45,000 games of cricket were played during the year.

The United States seems disposed to take the lead among the silk producers of the world. During the last three years the consumption of raw silk in the United States has exceeded that of France.

C. M. Garwood, an attorney in Denver, Col., is the possessor of a meerschaum pipe that is more than 200 years old. It was brought to the United States by Mr. Garwood's grandfather in 1747.

—Corn, Seed Oats, Feed Oats, Corn Chops, Bran, Cotton Seed and Hay at Miller Mercantile Co.

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JAS. E. BREWER.

Dr. C. A. McBeth, of Maverick,  
was in town Saturday. He is  
complaining of remarkable health  
in his community.

Mr. George Wilson left Monday  
for Limestone county to bring  
back cattle for a relative who is  
soon to move to Runnels county.

Mrs. E. L. Hagan returned to  
Gatesville Monday after an ex-  
tended visit here with her par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Royalty.

G. W. Fitzhugh, father of the  
Cumberland Presbyterian preach-  
er, was in Ballinger this week  
visiting his son. Mr. Fitzhugh's  
home is at Tolar.

Dr. T. A. Rape and wife have  
gone to New Orleans where the  
doctor will attend a course of  
lectures on medicine and surgery.  
They will be away about two  
months.

W. A. Threadgill, who has been  
in Austin looking after the lease  
line bill, was a passenger on the  
Sunday night train enroute to San  
Angelo to secure further data re-  
garding the wishes of the people.

Messrs. Jack Coggin, Ben Stone  
and Jess Cross, all of Brownwood,  
were in Ballinger Monday, se-  
cured a team and hack here and  
went to Eden intent on buying a  
ranch. They returned home  
Wednesday.

Brownwood is to have a 30-foot  
extension to her present Santa Fe  
depot. The Banner Leader re-  
cently heard one traveler compare  
the present depot there to a livery  
stable, while another said if the  
thing were to catch fire he would  
not lift a hand if he knew that by  
putting his hand the building  
would be saved.

Mrs. J. F. Cross, after a most  
pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs.  
Will Vaughn, returned Saturday  
afternoon to Brownwood. Mrs.  
Cross is quite enthusiastic in her  
praises of Ballinger and Ballinger  
people and those here who know  
her are equally as well pleased  
with Mrs. Cross. Her return will  
be welcomed at any time.

The west bound train was heav-  
ily loaded Sunday night and seats  
were at a premium. This editor  
heard many loud and long com-  
plaints at the poor accommodations  
afforded the traveling public by  
this branch of the Santa Fe. The  
Banner Leader thinks that the  
towns and the people along this  
road deserve better treatment  
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- Brown, Morgan.
- Yartley, W.
- Clark, Mrs. Mabel.
- Johnson, Mrs. Olivia.
- Threadgill, Miss.
- Williams, Miss Dale.
- Williams, Mrs W. L.

Couldn't help getting a cold  
never cures it; but carrying home  
a bottle of Ballard's Horehound  
Syrup, and using it as directed,  
will cure the worst kind of cough  
or cold. Price, 25 and 50 cents.  
At E. D. Walker's Drug Store. 3

**Attention, Ladies.**

One Doz. Swell Easter Hats  
will arrive at Mrs. Forbes next  
week from New York for her  
opening on the 1st and 2nd.  
Ladies be sure and see Mrs.  
Forbes stock before buying.

Steve Francis was among the  
many Ballinger visitors this week.

L. P. Wood, of Runnels, came  
to town Saturday on court busi-  
ness.

R. H. Wilson and wife visted  
friends in Santa Anna Saturday  
and Sunday.

J. C. Swift, of Runnels, was  
greeting Ballinger friends the first  
of the week.

F. L. Pierce came in from Win-  
ters the first of the week to attend  
to court matters.

T. A. Fannin, the Winters drug  
gist, was in Ballinger Monday,  
summoned as a juror.

A. L. Greenwood and wife went  
to Wilson's ranch, near Norwood,  
Saturday to assume charge.

J. H. Baker and B. B. Stone  
were visitors in Coleman Sunday  
and reported a pleasant occasion.

Dr. Dick Ratliff and wife, of  
Coleman, were in Ballinger Sun-  
day, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D.  
Ratliff.

Sheriff Wharton, of Stonewal  
county, was among the officials  
attending district court here this  
week.

Dr. J. H. Grant, one of Winters'  
successful physicians, spent a few  
days in Ballinger the first of the  
week.

Gus Noyes, the Menardville  
capitalist, has been in Ballinger  
this week looking after his prop-  
erty interests here.

Willard Moser was a passenger  
on the east bound train Saturday  
—destination unknown. He re-  
turned Sunday night.

Miss Eugenia Holman, who has  
been visiting at the home of Mrs.  
G. M. Vaughn, returned Sunday to  
her home in San Saba.

C. P. Shepherd had business in  
the town of Miles Saturday. He  
reports that town flourishing,  
with bright prospects ahead.

A letter from Max Lange an-  
nounces that he has left Germany  
and is enroute home. He is ex-  
pected about the first of next  
week.

Will Gregg wound up his  
month's vacation last Saturday  
and returned to Pilot Point to re-  
sume his work in the drug store  
there.

Rev. W. A. Manly requests the  
Banner Leader to keep before  
the public the fact that a revival  
will begin at the Methodist chrch  
in this city on the 3rd Sunday in  
April.

W. N. Collier returned Tuesday  
night from a brief visit to home  
folks at Hubbard City. He at-  
tended, while gone, the burning  
of the negro at Corsicana.

T. J. Watson, late of Bell coun-  
ty, but now settled in the best  
county in West Texas, has added  
his name to the Banner-Leader  
list, for there is "no better, you  
know."

Miss McClatchy, who has been  
the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. E.  
Odom, for several weeks, has re-  
turned to Ardmore. Her friends  
here are numerous and all wish  
for her early return to Ballinger.

A queer character was jailed in  
Ballinger Friday night. He was  
arrested at one of the hotels for  
disturbing the peace. Among  
his effects, when searched, were  
found a bottle of whiskey, a  
dangerous looking six shooter, a  
long bladed bowie knife, a bible  
and a copy of the Texas Christian  
Advocate. It was a decided  
mixture, and his profession is  
hard to decide upon unless we  
class him as a "politician."

—The best watch work at Jas. E.  
Brewer's.

**A NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN.**

I have purchased Oscar Pearson's Livery business and  
will devote my entire time to serving the people in that line.  
I promise good horses, handsome rigs, prompt and polite  
attention and in return solicit the patronage and good will of  
all. My prices are moderate.

**B S REED,** The Ballinger Liveryman.

**We Have Moved**

To our new building and are now comfortably and conven-  
iently fixed, ready for your trade. We have a complete line  
of Staple and Fancy Groceries and solicit your patronage.

**Our Grocery Store**

Contains all the essentials for your dinner and we  
will be pleased to fill your order and deliver the same  
at satisfactory prices.

**Davis & Co.**

Are also in the Gents Furnishing business and a visit to our  
New Store will show you a handsome line of Shoes, Boots,  
Hats, Shirts, Collars, Ties, ready-to-wear Pants, and all the  
essentials to a gentleman's complete wardrobe. We are in  
the business to stay and we have the goods, so call on us at

**BALLINGER TEXAS**

**Central Wagon Yard**

**D A CAMERON, Proprietor.**

Good well of water, plenty of wood, comfortable clean camp  
houses and stalls for your teams. Try the Central  
and you will stay with it.

**Nine-  
Tenths  
of  
all the  
People  
Suffer  
from a  
Diseased  
Liver.**

**HERBINE.**

**Pure Juices from Natural Roots.**

**REGULATES the Liver, Stomach and Bowels,  
Cleanses the System, Purifies the Blood.**

**CURES Malaria, Biliousness, Constipation,  
Weak Stomach and Impaired Digestion.**

Every Bottle Guaranteed to Give Satisfaction.  
**LARGE BOTTLE, - SMALL DOSE.  
Price, 50 Cents.**

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For Sale by **E. D. WALKER, Ballinger, Texas.**

**OPEN and READY**

For business. That's our condition now and we will be pleased  
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**Staple and Fancy Groceries**

In large or small quantities at prices that draw trade. We are  
here to stay, buy for cash and pay no house rent so that we are  
in position to sell at a small profit. We are friends to the peo-  
ple. We want their trade.

Everything Delivered Free.

**RUTHERFORD & HARPER,**

**NEXT DOOR TO WINKLER.**

Subscribe for the Banner-Leader. \$1.00 per year.



**FREE!**  
**\$10. Pair**  
OF  
**Gold Filled Spectacle  
Frames and Best  
Lenses.**

The person writing the sentence, "Eyes Tested Free by Dr. Duncan," the greatest number of times on a postal card, will receive a pair of the best lenses in the world, in a 10-year guarantee gold-filled frame FREE OF CHARGE.

**SECOND PRIZE.**

Will be the same grade of lenses in an aluminum frame. The winners will be fitted absolutely perfect and free of all charge.

**Open to Everybody!**

CONDITIONS: Only conditions are the numbering of each sentence, and to have your name and address same side of the card.

Contest closes March 24. Winner can get glasses next day or any time before March 31st. Address all postals to

**DR. T. H. P. DUNCAN,**  
Eye Specialist,  
Ballinger, - - Texas.

From March 24th to 31st, I will test eyes free. Guarantee all work. 500 people in and near Ballinger are wearing glasses. Call at once.

**ONE WEEK,**  
March, 24th to 31st.  
**CITY HOTEL,**  
BALLINGER - - TEXAS.

R. A. Hall went down the road Sunday night on business returning Wednesday.

C. H. Willingham has been in Ballinger this week as attorney in the Vaughn Shaw vs case.

Shelley Roaten, accompanied by his sisters, Kate and Verlie, was in from Wingate Wednesday.

Traveler's Protective Association Convention, Ft. Worth Tex. Round trip \$6.70. Date of sale April 24th.

I. N. Abernathy, former proprietor of the New Racket Store, was in town Thursday from Atoka, which place is his home now.

Pastor M. S. Smith said "tell the people that timbers or no timbers we will have preaching Sunday at the Presbyterian church."

General Missionary Conference M. E. Church South, New Orleans, La. Dates of sale April 22 and 23. One fare plus \$2.00 for round trip.

Messrs. W. D. Currier and Marlon Mullin, proprietors of the newspaper at Miles, were in Ballinger Wednesday soliciting patronage of the merchants here.

The electric light people are wiring the stores this week. As soon as the poles arrive they will be put up and then it will be a matter of only a few days when Ballinger will be lighted by electricity.

Mr. John Hoffer, Ballinger's new grocery man, went to Clarendon last week, returning Sunday night with his family. For the present they are stopping at the Massey house. Mr. Hoffer will buy or build shortly.

**Concert at Content.**

The Banner-Leader is informed that the Winters band contemplates giving a concert at Content Saturday night, March 30. Some glowing reports of the fine music rendered by this band have reached the Banner-Leader and we feel sure that they were not the least exaggerated. The Content people will have a treat if they should give the entertainment as they contemplate.

Don't select your Easter hat until you see my patterns. My opening will be April 1st.  
MRS. ALICE GREEN.

A case of small pox is reported at the Wylie ranch on Valley Creek.

Look for Harr Wagner notices in next issue of the Banner-Leader. His date here is April 9th.

J. M. Stevenson, a former Ballinger citizen, but now living at Content, was shaking hands with friends here Thursday.

Messrs. Thomas and John Estess, father and son, were called to Karnes City this week as witnesses in a murder case.

Dr. H. S. Broiles, a celebrated specialist, will make this point every Friday. Look for his ad in the Banner-Leader next week.

Mrs. Cicero Smith, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. Roper in this county, returned Wednesday to her home in Mineral Wells.

The grand jury adjourned Friday morning. As a result of their deliberations 20 bills were found, the majority being misdemeanors.

W. P. Humphrey, manager of the Smith Lumber Yard here, left Wednesday for Mineral Wells to confer with Cicero Smith with reference to business matters.

W. D. Conaway, of Comanche county, was in Ballinger this week. He was a cattleman of the Ballinger country 18 years ago and still has cattle interests on the Concho.

Ballinger will have a summer normal this was the decision reached by the teacher's institute last week. Prof. Starnes was selected as conductor. The selection, needless to say, is a wise one.

Rev. Shoptaugh requests the Banner-Leader to announce that the regular annual election of officers will be held at the Christian church Sunday morning at eleven. A full attendance of members is urged.

G. F. Schroeter is organizing a stock company to build a "City Hall." \$4000 is required and he is within \$500 of that sum now. It will be located up-stairs over the Rutherford & Harper and Schroeter buildings. It will be 60x120 feet. The Banner-Leader has been working hard to get such a move on foot and is naturally quite pleased to see the enterprise so near a success.

—See my line of solid gold, Brooches, Buttons, Pins, Bangles, Charm and Chains. Can't be beat in Ballinger. ASA CORDILL

**3 Cars Of Furniture  
Just Received 3**

**ONE CAR OF SUITS.**  
Will sell you a good Suit  
For \$19.00.

**ONE CAR**

double cane seat CHAIRS,  
best on the market at 65c.  
Dining Chairs at 75c.  
Rockers at \$1.25.

**ONE CAR of IRON and WOOD BEDS**

Iron Beds at \$3.85.  
Wood Beds at \$2.00.

The reason we are selling so cheap is because we are buying by the car loads and get a reduction in freight rates. We also get a cash discount as we pay Spot Cash. Remember we have the largest and most complete line of UNDERTAKING GOODS in the West. We have in our employ a Practical Undertaker and Embalmer.

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Will keep Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton, Sausage, Lard, Sugar Cured Pams, Breakfast Bacon.

Free Delivery.

Open from 5 to 8. "The best" is our motto.

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Next to Winkler.

**Jno. Deere**

**Cultivators Planters  
Disk Harrows, Sulky  
Plows and Disk Plows.**

**STANDARD Cultivators  
STANDARD Planters.**

**Genuine Champion Planters**

—Very Implement THE KIND Of Its KIND—

**Wind Mills, Pumps, Pipe and Pipe Fillings.**

**We Sell**

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The Best ind Mill on the Market.

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The Hardware and Implement Men.

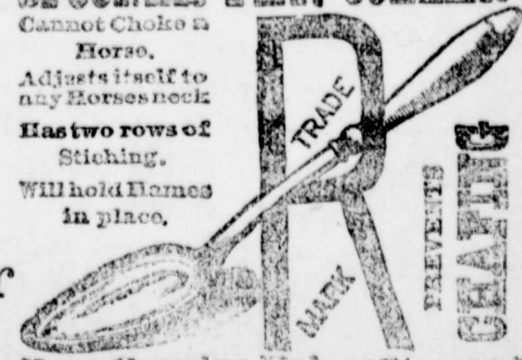
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Cannot Choke a  
Horse.  
Adjusts itself to  
any Horses neck.  
Has two rows of  
Stitching.  
Will hold Hames  
in place.



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None Genuine Unless Stamped  
with our "Trade Mark."

Call and see me.

**T. S. LANKFORD,**

The Saddle and Harness Man.

I am with S. B. Hopson in the fruit tree business and will be pleased to have your order. Call on me at barber shop.

17 if J. A. DANCER.  
—Tinware at Hixson Bros. Rack-  
at Store.

—My watch and jewelry work  
guaranteed. JAS. E. BREWER.

—Glassware at Hixson Bros.  
Racket Store.

**Cows for Sale.**

20 or 30 milk cows to sell. Ap-  
ply to J. H. HOLLAND

Mrs. J. D. Rathiff went to Cole-  
man Wednesday evening to  
spend a few days with home  
folks.

Rev. E. D. Dysart, of San Saba,  
preached to the Cumberland  
Presbyterian congregation Sun-  
day night.